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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 29, 2004.

Introductory Comments begin on page 2 of this paper.

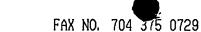
Amendments to the Specification

None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments

None.



Appl. No. 09/857,852 Amdt, dated March 1, 2004 Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 29, 2004

Introductory Comments:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 29, 2004. A complete listing of all the claims is submitted for the Examiner's review. It is believed that the amendment filed on January 26, 2004 is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.